Please sign below to confirm that you have read this balcony safety leaflet and agree to comply with the safety recommendations.

Name:		
Address:		
Signature:		
Date:		



Communal areas

Corridors and stairwells are emergency exit routes in case of fire!

Please keep these communal areas clear so that people can leave the building as quickly and safely as possible in an emergency.

DO NOT leave any objects in communal areas, including:

- bicvcles
- mobility scooters
- prams/pushchairs
- potted plants
- furniture
- pictures and ornaments.

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Fire safety

How to reduce the risk of fire in your home, on your balcony or terrace, and in communal areas

Fire safety inspections

After the Grenfell fire tragedy in 2017, the Government has introduced legislation to prevent fire spreading in multi-storey residential buildings.

Under the new UK law*, the balconies and terraces of all multi-storey residential buildings must be assessed for fire risk.

To keep you safe, Broadland will carry out regular inspections of your balcony or terrace. This is to identify any potential fire hazards.



This leaflet explains how you can protect yourself and your neighbours from the risk of a fire starting and spreading through the building.

* Building Regulations - Regulation 7(2)



Balconies and terraces

Fires on balconies and terraces can quickly spread across the outside of the building. These types of fire are increasing in frequency.

Prevent fires on balconies/terraces

- PLEASE AVOID SMOKING careless disposal of smoking materials is the main cause of fire
- NO BBQs, electric grills or any other cooking appliances
- NO firepits, patio heaters or chimineas
- NO fuel for BBQs or firepits (e.g. gas cylinders, charcoal, timber, highly flammable fuels)
- NO candles or incense

Prevent fire spreading externally

- NO laundry, clothes or other items hanging from balcony or windows
- NO furniture or furnishings that will catch fire easily (e.g. wicker, bamboo, soft cushions, blankets, pallets)
- NO bamboo, fabric or plastic privacy screens
- NO flowerpots, hanging baskets, stickers, flags or decorative bunting
- NO household storage or clutter

General balcony safety: your balcony has a maximum weight limit that should not be exceeded. Please refer to your home user guide for more information.

General Fire Safety

Plugs



Turn off appliance plugs when not in use.

Smoking



Do not smoke in bed and always put out cigarettes fully.

Cooking



Do not leave cooking

Matches



Store matches and lighters in a safe place, away from children.

Appliances



Do not leave appliances running when no one is home

BBQ



If you have a balcony, do

Doors



Do not leave a fire door open and never disconnect an automatic closer.

Smoke alarms



Test your smoke alarm weekly and do not cover or remove.

Belongings



A tidy home with fewer belongings can reduce the risk of a fire spreading.

Electrical



Do not overload electrical sockets and switch them

Candles



Do not leave candles unattended and always put out fully.

Flammable



Do not store anything flammable such as petrol in your home.

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